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In re Application: 10/658,515

Inventors: Mark Reiley

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Title: **FACET ARTHROPLASTY
DEVICES AND METHODS**

Confirmation No.: **1785**

Examiner: ISABELLA, DAVID J

Group Art Unit: 3738

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 & § 1.98

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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97-1.98, applicants hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement, including attached forms(s) PTO/SB/08. A copy of each reference is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation in English for those publications in a foreign language.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. Applicants further request that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the attached form(s) PTO/SB/08 in accordance with MPEP §609.

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- ☐ 2). Within 3 months of entry of a national stage as set forth in § 1.491, or
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CONTENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
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☒ **37 CFR §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), U.S. patents or patent application publication(s) cited**

- ☒ 1). Since not requested by the Office, U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not included.
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- ☐ 2a). A concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56 (c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language is provided herewith: --OR--
- ☒ 2b). A copy of a written, English-language translation or portion thereof is readily available and attached for JP59010807A, JP10082605A, and WO 96/00049. --OR--
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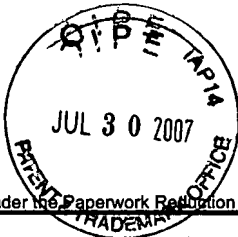
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-referenced fees of \$180.00 and charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-4050.

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